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THIS IS A SECOND PRELIMINARY OAK CABLE, DERIVED FROM A CONTINUING
 OVERALL SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY FROM MISSION 1109-2.

1. USSR-CHINA BORDERAIR ACTIVITY

CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE ON THE RUNWAY AT YENBEKSHI AIRFIELD IN THE
 CENTRAL ASIAN MILITARY DISTRICT, APPROXIMATELY 60 NM FROM THE
 USSR-CHINA BORDER. THE RUNWAY IS SERVICEABLE, BUT CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES
 ON TAXIWAYS AND THE NORTHWEST DISPERSAL AREA, WHICH ARE NEARLY COMPLETE.
 NO AIRCRAFT ARE DISCERNIBLE.

GROUND FORCE ACTIVITY

A NEW MILITARY INSTALLATION IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION 2
 NM EAST OF TALDY KURGAN, USSR, AND 100 NM FROM THE USSR-CHINA BORDER AT
 45-01-00N 078-22-40E. THE FACILITY CONTAINS FIVE PROBABLE BARRACKS, AT
 LEAST SEVEN BUILDING FOUNDATIONS, 11 LARGE TENTS, AND A VEHICLE PARK CON-
 TAINING 50 VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. CONSTRUCTION OF THIS FACILITY
 HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE

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AN APPARENT MILITARY EXERCISE IS IN PROGRESS ON [REDACTED] IN THE
TRANSBAIKAL MILITARY DISTRICT AT TSUGOL TRAINING AREA 1, USSR. THE
ACTIVITY CONSISTS OF A TENT CAMP OF APPROXIMATELY 120 TENTS AND AN IN-
CREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 200 VEHICLES.

ONLY 40 OF THE PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED 145 COCOONED TANKS REMAIN AT
BEZRECHNAYA ARMY BARRACKS AL-1 IN THE TRANSBAIKAL MILITARY DISTRICT.
EXCEPT FOR THE MISSING TANKS, THE ORDER OF BATTLE IS NORMAL. THE LAST
COVERAGE OF THIS INSTALLATION ON HIGH RESOLUTION PHOTOGRAPHY WAS IN

A BARRACKS AREA [REDACTED] ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION APPEARS TO
BE NEARLY COMPLETE IS NEWLY IDENTIFIED AT 50-23-40N 118-38-50E. IT IS
ON THE EAST EDGE OF DOSATUY, USSR, WHICH IS IN THE TRANSBAIKAL MILITARY
DISTRICT, 19 NM FROM THE USSR-CHINA BORDER. THE INSTALLATION CONTAINS
APPROXIMATELY 40 BUILDINGS, TEN OF WHICH ARE STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
AN ADJACENT DOUBLE-SECURED EXPLOSIVES STORAGE AREA CONTAINS NINE REVETTED
BUILDINGS. ORDER OF BATTLE CONSISTS OF AT LEAST 230 VEHICLES OR PIECES
OF EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 30 PROBABLE TRACKED VEHICLES.

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2. USSRNAVAL ACTIVITY

PETROVKA NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD, REPORTED AS NOT COVERED IN THE REFERENCED CABLE, WAS IN FACT COVERED BY PHOTOGRAPHY OF POOR INTERPRET- ABILITY ON [] THE Y-CLASS NUCLEAR POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE (Y SSBN) OBSERVED AT THE NORTH QUAY ON [] CANNOT BE LOCATED ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF []

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3. CHINANUCLEAR ACTIVITY

NO TEST PREPARATIONS ARE OBSERVED AT EITHER LOP NOR NUCLEAR TEST SITE OR THE SINGER UNDERGROUND TEST AREA. NO TENTS ARE PRESENT EAST OF THE LOP NOR MAIN CONTROL POINT, AND THE NUMBER OF TENTS WEST OF THE MAIN CONTROL POINT (90) HAS DECREASED BY ABOUT 25 SINCE [] [] THE ACTIVITY REPORTED 16 NM NORTHEAST OF THE SINGER AIRDROP MARKER IN [] CONTINUES, AND IS POSSIBLY RELATED TO THE TEST SITE. THIS ACTIVITY CONSISTS OF 13 BUILDINGS, 110 TENTS, GROUND SCARRING, AND POSSIBLE MINING ACTIVITY. A TRUCK PARK IS LOCATED 10 NM TO THE WEST OF THE ACTIVITY,

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AND A POSSIBLE RADAR SITE IS 1.5 NM TO THE SOUTH. SEVENTEEN SMALL PROBABLE
SWEPT-WING AIRCRAFT ARE OBSERVED AT WUSHATALA AIRFIELD.

4. EGYPTAIR ACTIVITY

A NEW AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREA 1.5 NM SOUTH OF MERSA MATRUH AIRFIELD
CONSISTS OF A LARGE SHELTER (OF THE TYPE DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE BADGER
AIRCRAFT) UNDER CONSTRUCTION, THREE EXCAVATIONS, AND A TAXIWAY SYSTEM.

NAVAL ACTIVITY

THE COUNT OF NAVAL ORDER OF BATTLE AT AL ISKANDARIYAH (ALEXANDRIA)
NAVAL BASE AND HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL IS NORMAL ON [] THE COUNT OF
MERCHANT SHIPS, HOWEVER, SHOWS AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 25 PERCENT ABOVE NORMAL.
EIGHTY-ONE MERCHANT SHIPS ARE OBSERVED, INCLUDING SIX ANCHORED OUTSIDE THE
HARBOR. FOUR SHIPS ANCHORED IN THE HARBOR HAVE PROBABLE LIGHTERS ALONGSIDE.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE TARGETS REPORTED ABOVE, WITH THEIR
COUNTRY CODE, GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES, AND BE NUMBER.

YENBEKSHI AIRFIELD UR 46-11-25N 080-50-50E
TSUGOL TRAINING AREA 1 UR 51-07N 115-31E

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PETROVKA NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD	UR	43-07-04N 132-20-25E
LOP NOR NUCLEAR TEST SITE	CH	40-46-30N 089-29-40E
LOP NOR NTS SINGER UG TEST AREA	CH	41-24-32N 088-19-00E
HSIN-KO-ERH AIR DROP MARKER SINGER	CH	41-35-13N 088-24-44E
WUSHATALA AIRFIELD	CH	42-10-32N 087-12-00E
MERSA MATRUH AIRFIELD	EG	31-19-28N 027-13-23E
AL ISKANDARIYAH NAVAL BASE AND HQ NATIONAL	EG	31-11N 029-52E

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